Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing the steps of claim 26.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A method of loading a device driver for an IEEE 1394-enabled device with a non-volatile memory, the device being coupled to a computer via an IEEE 1394-compliant bus, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting that the IEEE 1394-enabled device is coupled to the IEEE 1394-compliant bus;

responsive to said detecting, determining if either a device driver or a pointer to a device driver compatible with an operating system running on the computer is stored in the non-volatile memory;

responsive to said determining, automatically loading the device driver if either a device driver or a pointer to a device driver compatible with the operating system running on the computer is stored in the non-volatile memory; and

responsive to said determining, prompting a user to manually load a device driver compatible with the operating system, if neither a device driver nor a pointer to a device driver compatible with the operating system running on the computer is stored in the non-volatile memory,

wherein the pointer includes a uniform resource locator (URL).

Claim 27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (previously presented): A computer readable medium having computer-executable instructions stored thereon for performing the steps of claim 29.

Claim 29 (previously presented): A method of loading device drivers for an IEEE 1394-enabled device with a non-volatile memory, the device being coupled, via an IEEE 1394-compliant bus,

to a first computer running a first operating system and a second computer running a second operating system, the method comprising the steps of:

a) detecting that the IEEE 1394-enabled device is coupled to the IEEE 1394-compliant bus;

b) responsive to step a), determining that either a device driver or a pointer to a device driver compatible with the first operating system is stored in the non-volatile memory;

c) responsive to step b), automatically loading the device driver compatible with the first operating system;

d) responsive to step a), determining that neither a device driver nor a pointer to a device driver compatible with the second operating system is stored in the non-volatile memory; and

e) responsive to step d), prompting a user to manually load a device driver compatible with the second operating system,

wherein the pointer includes a uniform resource locator (URL).